

Shed antler gathering regulation change proposal

We are proposing to establish a season for statewide regulated shed antler gathering.

That season will be from February 1 to April 15.

An authorization will be required to pick up shed antlers during this period of time.

The Authorization will be available online and will require the person to take a course designed to educate them with regards to habitat destruction and harassment of wildlife.

Shed antlers could be gathered without an authorization during any other time of the year.

This proposal was agreed upon by a committee put together by the division to come up with recommendations with regards to antler gathering issues.

The committee reconvened after the informational round of RAC and Board to review public comment and finalize a proposal.

The committee requested the division explore the idea of creating a license and requisite fee for commercial antler buyers to assist in funding for this issue.

The committee consisted of representatives from the following organizations.

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife

Mule Deer Foundation

Bowhunters of Utah (also a member of the Cache Deer Working Group)

Utah Bowmen Association

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Antler Gathering Enthusiast

Private Property owner

US Forest Service

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources